

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the careful consideration given the present patent application. Nonetheless, it is respectfully submit that the rejection of the claim invention must be withdrawn.

As an initial matter, the Examiner is thanked for withdrawing the rejections set forth in the earlier Office Action. Applicants have entered certain claim amendments, all of which find support in the original application as filed.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection set forth in the pending Office Action. All of the rejections rely on the King et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0083109). Applicants do not concede that the King et al. reference qualifies as prior art to the present application, but in any event, King et al. does not support the rejection of the claimed invention.

The other references of record are Serandom and Drempels. Applicants understand the Examiner to acknowledge that the Drempels and Serandom references do not disclose a program that is independent from the screen saver program, the program being fully functional in a full application mode and less than fully functional in a screen saver mode. The Examiner relies solely on the King reference for this feature, in particular pointing to paragraphs 25, 34, 40, and 41 of the King reference for these teachings.

The King reference fails to disclose or suggest this feature. The disclosure of the King reference is somewhat vague, but as best can be determined, King concerns a toolbar that is capable of displaying multiple pictures or icons in a screen saver mode. In the various "toolbar" figures there is no indication of "full functionality" in one mode but less than full functionality in another mode of operation. The fact that some pictures are not always displayed is not a teaching of "less than full functionality" in one mode of operation. In short, the King reference is deficient and, in combination with the Serandom and Drempels references, still does not lead to the present invention.

Accordingly, all claims of the present application are believed to be allowable, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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